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FOLLOWING BERLIN 05653 SENT ACTION SECSTATE APRIL 1; REPEATED
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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PFOR, GE
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

REF: STATE 067973

1. CHARGE MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTEL LATE EVENING
MARCH 31 TO GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER. FISCHER SAID HE
WOULD INFORM SECRETARY GENERAL HONECKER OF THE APPROACH,
WHICH WOULD BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, AND THAT THE NON-PAPER
CHARGE LEFT WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY APPROPRIATE
PERSON. NOTING HE WAS NOT AN EXPERT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS
AND WOULD NOT COMMENT ON CHARGES IN US DOMESTIC PRACTICES,

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FISCHER SAID THAT GDR'S OPPOSITION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION
WAS CLEAR: THE GDR WAS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR
ENERGY FOR NON-CIVILIAN PURPOSES AND THAT ALL COUNTRIES
SHOULD SIGN THE NPT. IF THE GDR HAD ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY DECISIONS, THEY
WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH USG EITHER THROUGH OUR EMBASSY HERE
OR THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. CHARGE NOTED THAT WHILE HE HAD NOT EXPECTED FISCHER TO COMMENT ON US DOMESTIC DECISIONS, WE DID WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE DECISIONS HAD IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND THEREFORE WE WISHED TO INFORM AND CONSULT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERN-EMTNs ON BEST WAYS TO MEET GLOBAL ENERGY NEEDS UNDER APPROPRIATE INTERNATONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHILE AT SAME TIME REFDUCING RISCK OF PROLIFERATION. CHARGE HAD EXPECTED THAT FISCHER MIGHT NOT WANT TO POSE QUESTIONS UNTIL HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY NON-PAPER, BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIS QUESTIONS:COMMENTS AT ANY POINT

3. COMMENT: WE BEGAN SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL. WEEK-LONG MEETING OF LARGE NUMBER OF GDR AMBASSADORS WITH FISCHER WAS PART OF REASON OF DELAY. OTHER FACTOR MAY HAVE BEEN FISCHER'S RELUCTANCE TO RECEIVE CHARGE UNTIL IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT CHARGE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER OR EQUIVALENT HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO MAKE PRESENTATION. POLANSKY UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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